

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for producing an agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle comprising more than about 75 wt.% superabsorbent polymer fine particles, said process steps consist of comprising as steps:

- (A) bringing (i) superabsorbent polymer fine particles having at least about 40 wt.%, based on the total weight of the superabsorbent polymer fine particles, a particle size of less than about 150 μm into contact with (ii) a fluid comprising to more than about 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the fluid, a cross-linkable, uncross-linked polymer, which polymer is based on polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated, acid groups-bearing monomers or salts thereof to at least about 20 wt.%, based on the total weight of the cross-linkable, uncrosslinked polymer; and
- (B) cross-linking the uncross-linked polymer by heating the superabsorbent polymer fine particles brought into contact with the fluid to a temperature within a range from about 20 to about 300 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, so that the cross-linkable, uncross-linked polymer at least partially crosslinks,

wherein

- (a) the cross-linkable, uncross-linked polymer comprises, besides the polymerised polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated, acid groups-bearing monomers, further polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated monomers (M) capable of reacting with polymerized acid group-bearing monomers in a condensation reaction, in an addition reaction, or in a ring opening reaction, and/or
- (b) the fluid comprises, beside the cross-linkable, uncrosslinked polymer, a crosslinker, and

(c) wherein the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle has less than about 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle, a particle size of less than about 150 μ m.

2. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the cross-linkable, uncrosslinked polymer comprises a weight average molecular weight of more than about 8000 g/mol.

3. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the monomer (M) comprises a polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated conversion product of saturated aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic alcohols, amines or thiols with ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid, carboxylic acid derivatives or allyl halides.

4. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the superabsorbent polymer fine particles comprise an inner portion and a surface portion bordering the inner portion, wherein the surface portion comprises a different chemical composition than the inner portion or a different physical property than the inner portion.

5. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the bringing into contact of the superabsorbent polymer fine particles with the fluid occurs in the presence of an effect material comprising a polysaccharide or a polyalkylether polyol or a silicon-oxygen-comprising compound or a mixture of at least two thereof.

6. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 5, wherein the effect material comprises a zeolite.

7. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the bringing into contact occurs in a fluidized bed.

8. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein during or after step (B) a postcrosslinker is added as a step (C).

9. (Currently Amended) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle ~~obtainable~~ obtained by a process according to Claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle comprising more than about 75 wt.% superabsorbent polymer fine particles, wherein:

- (A1) the superabsorbent polymer fine particles comprise, at least about 40 wt.% based on the total weight of the superabsorbent polymer fine particles, a particle size of less than about 150 μm and [[abut]] about at least partially onto a matrix of a crosslinked polymer,
- (A2) wherein the crosslinked polymer comprises at least about 20 wt.%, based on the total weight of the crosslinked polymer, polymerized acid group-bearing monomers or salts thereof,
- (A3) the crosslinked polymer comprises a different chemical composition [[to]] than the superabsorbent polymer fine particles or a different physical property than the superabsorbent polymer fine particles, and
- (A4) wherein less than about [[50]] 10 wt.% of the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle comprises a particle size of less than about 150 μm .

11. (Previously Presented) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle comprising superabsorbent polymer fine particles having, at least about 50 wt.% based on the total weight of the superabsorbent polymer fine particles, an average particle size of less than about 150 μm and abutting a matrix of a crosslinked polymer, wherein:

- (B1) the crosslinked polymer comprises at least about 20 wt.%, based on the total weight of the crosslinked polymer, on ethylenic acid group-bearing monomers or salts thereof,

- (B2) the crosslinked polymer comprises a different chemical composition than the superabsorbent polymer fine particles or a different physical property than superabsorbent polymer fine particles, and wherein
- (B3) the matrix comprises, besides the crosslinked polymer, an effect material comprising a polysaccharide or a polyalkylether polyol or a silicon-oxygen-comprising compound or a mixture of at least two thereof.

12. (Previously Presented) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle according to Claim 9, wherein the superabsorbent polymer fine particles comprise an inner portion and a surface portion bordering the inner portion and wherein the surface portion comprises a different chemical composition from the inner portion or a different physical property from the inner portion.

13. (Previously Presented) An agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particle according to Claim 11, wherein the superabsorbent polymer fine particles comprise an inner portion and a surface portion bordering the inner portion and wherein the surface portion comprises a different chemical composition from the inner portion or a different physical property from the inner portion.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Agglomerated~~ The agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to Claim 9, wherein the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles have at least one of the following properties:

- a1) a particle size distribution, whereby at least about 80 wt.% of the particles have a particle size within a range of about 20 μ m to about 5 mm;
- a2) a Centrifuge Retention Capacity (CRC) of at least about 5 g/g;
- a3) an Absorption Against Pressure (AAP) at about 0.7 psi of at least about 5 g/g;
- a4) a water-soluble polymer content of less than about 25 wt.% after about 16 hours extraction.

15. (Previously Presented) A composite comprising the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to Claim 9 and a substrate.

16. (Previously Presented) A process for producing a composite comprising contacting the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to Claim 9 with a substrate.

17. (Currently Amended) A composite ~~obtainable obtained~~ according to the process according to Claim 16.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The process according to Claim 16 further comprising contacting the agglomerated superabsorbent polymer particles according to Claim 9 and the substrate with an additive.

20. (Cancelled)